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- 2. (Twice Amended) A dermal agent according to claim 1, said dermal agent having activity as an antibacterial.
- 3. (Twice Amended) A dermal agent according to claim 2, said dermal agent having an inhibitory effect on growth of *Propionibacterium*.
- 4. (Twice Amended) A dermal agent according to claim 2, said dermal agent having an inhibitory effect on *Staphyloccocus*.
- 5. (Twice Amended) A dermal agent according to claim 1, said dermal agent having inhibitory activity against lipase derived from microorganisms.
- 6. (Twice Amended) A dermal agent according to claim 1, said dermal agent having inhibitory activity against hyaluronidase derived from microorganisms.